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# News Release



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## **Friends of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex hosting social gathering for Alamo area residents**

**ALAMO, Nev.** — The Friends of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Friends) invite residents of the Pahranaagat Valley and Alamo, Nev., area to an early evening social and presentation on March 1, 2012. The event is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., in the multipurpose room at the Pahranaagat Valley Elementary School located at 199 Broadway in Alamo.

The gathering includes refreshments and offers an opportunity to meet Friends group members and representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). Attendees will also be able to learn more about the work of the Friends and how to join the organization.

Staff of the Pahranaagat National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will conduct presentations about some of the ongoing scientific work on the wildlife refuge. Education Specialist Sierra Willoughby and Fish and Wildlife Biologist Darrell Freeman will share information on current research regarding frogs, fish, birds, and other wildlife, as well as their habitats on the refuge. The presentations will be available live on the Internet, as well. Anyone interested in participating online can contact Harry Konwin via email to [harry\\_konwin@fws.gov](mailto:harry_konwin@fws.gov) or by telephone at (702) 515-5494. To ensure online access, please contact Konwin no later than 4 p.m., on Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

The Friends group was established in the fall of 2009 by private citizens to support the mission and values of the Service and the Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Desert Complex). That support comes in the form of advocacy, stewardship, and outreach. Members regularly volunteer to perform hands-on work on Desert Complex wildlife refuges — everything from removing invasive plants for habitat restoration to planting native species and constructing trails. The Desert Complex is comprised of the four wildlife refuges in southern Nevada; Ash Meadows NWR, Desert NWR, Moapa Valley NWR, and Pahranaagat NWR.

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